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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for the larger sizes, but mediums remained in a tight position. Breaking stock supplies ranged about adequate to tight for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for the mostly fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances good but seem to be improving as the week progresses. Loose egg sales were light to usually moderate. Supplies were well balanced to adequate for the larger sizes and tight for mediums. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings continued tight for the good demand. Breaking schedules varied according to available product. Floor stocks were usually close to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80-89	83-86
LARGE	79-87	80-85
MEDIUM	61-69	64-66

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	44-47
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher when compared to last week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen availability was more than sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	60-75	65-68

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good with limited feature activity providing some extra interest. Food service movement was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close with mediums still in the tightest position.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	91-94
LARGE	85.5-93	90-92
MEDIUM	65.5-72	70-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instance firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight, with mediums in the tightest position. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for generally normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the mostly fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-91	85-88
LARGE	81.5-89	83-86
MEDIUM	58.5-70	63-67

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where promotional activity was in progress or planned. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	72-76

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	86-92
LARGE	85-90
MEDIUM	67-74

WESTERN Prices 3-4 cents higher on jumbo, 3-5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 14% higher than last Monday with California up 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 16% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 129, 2 for \$4, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, brown large dozen 199.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	133
EXTRA LARGE	131
LARGE	119
MEDIUM	97

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329	EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-239	LARGE	239-285
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	189-225

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 26, 2003 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 19, 2003 were 208,045 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	168,964	39,081	208,045
% change from the prior week.....	-17	-3	-15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings continued tight for the good demand. Breaking schedules varied according to available product. Floor stocks were usually close to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	69-71	-
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-61	-
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offering were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.26
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal and provided adequate supplies for a measured finished product call. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.46
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 22, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	15.9	8.1	13.7	9.8 56.8
	Change	0.7	-0.4	1.6	-0.1	0.7 5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.6	51.5	14.5	24.3	30.4 149.3
	Change	3.2	6.8	-1.8	5.1	3.9 13%
Large	Curr Wk	38.8	103.6	70.6	84.8	102.5 400.3
	Change	-0.7	2.5	-6.9	-0.6	21.0 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	40.4	12.1	21.1	32.6 123.1
	Change	2.1	0.9	-1.2	1.6	2.9 5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	7.0	2.8	4.4	6.0 25.5
	Change	0.4	1.5	0.4	-1.8	-0.8 -2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	22.9	9.2	11.5	5.9 54.8
	Change	-0.6	0.8	3.1	-0.1	-0.5 5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.4	46.3	19.6	23.5	26.0 138.8
	Change	7.4	-6.4	0.4	0.0	-0.9 0%
Total	Curr Wk	127.6	287.6	136.9	183.3	213.2 948.6
Percent	Change	11%	2%	-3%	2%	14% 5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	948.6	5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	239.8	**8%	37
Total Shell Egg	1188.4	**2%	209

**correction

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 08, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 08, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							1.00	FUTURE LOADS							4.75	TOTAL LOADS							5.75	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	81.00	—	3.75	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	91.50	1.00								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/15/03-09/19/03

CURRENT LOADS 68.50								FUTURE LOADS 66.50				TOTAL LOADS 135.00			
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	68.13	69.25	—	—	4.00	GNR BR 1	73.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	55.00	57.25	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	90.50	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.00	GL W XL	80.07	87.50	—	—	—	89.25	18.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	GL W LG	77.00	79.53	—	—	—	86.02	31.50
GL W XL	80.00	77.67	78.00	78.91	79.10	74.50	56.00	GL W MD	52.00	60.00	—	—	61.00	63.62	10.25
GL W LG	76.47	78.80	74.33	76.33	77.43	—	34.25								
GL W MD	58.00	61.00	54.56	55.94	55.56	56.63	16.25								
GL W SM	38.50	41.00	33.33	35.17	40.00	42.38	4.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	71.00	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	67.33	—	—	—	69.59	35.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	57.36	7.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/15/03	09/08/03	09/16/02
PACIFIC COAST	136	103	542
LOS ANGELES	76	42	505

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small sizes and higher on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	102.95
LARGE	99.63
MEDIUM	80.63
SMALL	54.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	09/07/03-09/13/03
30-dozen case	7,652
Receipts from the mainland:	08/31/03-09/06/03
30-dozen case	6,882

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